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For: A SEMI-SUBMERSIBLE OFFSHORE PLATFORM AND  
METHODS FOR POSITIONING OPERATION MODULES  
ON SAID PLATFORM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) A semi-submersible offshore platform (1) according to claim 1, wherein the offshore platform (1) has four or six columns (4) and a substantially rectangular pontoon (2), and wherein a forward column pair is located on the pontoon with one column thereof on each side of a longitudinal center-line (CL), and